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JPEO Demonstrates JTRS Progress for Senior DoD Acquisition Executive

SAN DIEGO – The Department of Defense’s (DoD) senior acquisition executive visited the Joint Program Executive Office of the Joint Tactical Radio System (JPEO JTRS) July 25 at the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center.

Kenneth Krieg, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, was in San Diego to receive updates on the newly restructured JTRS program and to understand where DoD support is most critical to ensuring the continued success of the program. Krieg, who was confirmed to his current position in June 2005, is responsible for advising the Secretary of Defense on issues relating to DoD acquisition, research and development, procurement and a host of other areas.

Addressing the importance of JTRS and his visit to the JPEO, Krieg said, "Network communication on the move is very important to the warfighter. JTRS is a critical program in delivering that capability. Management of the JTRS program must be seamless across all Services in order to get us to a truly joint network."

"Our message is that there is a great team working on JTRS and there is a great depth of talent to our organization," said Dennis Bauman, Joint Program Executive Officer for JTRS, who advises Krieg on JTRS acquisition decisions.



Dennis Bauman, JPEO JTRS, points out Joint Tactical Radio Systems capabilities to Kenneth Krieg, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

Since assuming the program’s JPEO role in March 2005, Bauman and his staff have conducted cost, schedule and performance evaluations for all JTRS programs and have completed a comprehensive review of the JTRS organization. These evaluations resulted in a smaller, prioritized set of requirements and a funding plan that was approved in the fiscal 2007 President’s Budget.

In April, DoD officially approved the program’s “way ahead” strategy as recommended by the JPEO, which is designed to realistically deliver communications capabilities to the warfighter at lower cost, schedule and performance risk. Implementation of the first phase, referred to as Increment 1, has begun and will enable the JPEO to reduce the overall program risk from high to moderate. Most importantly, it paves the way for JTRS capabilities to be delivered into the hands of the warfighter as quickly as possible.